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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 3, 15 and 17 are currently amended and claims 2 and 16 are now cancelled. Claims 8-14 and 22-30 are allowed. Claims 1 and 15 were rejected. Claims 2-7 and 16-21 were indicated to be allowable, subject to objection. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

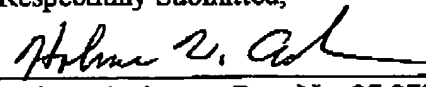
In accordance with the claim objections, Applicant has incorporated the limitations of claim 2 into claim 1, and similarly incorporated the limitations of claim 16 into claim 15. Claims 2 and 15 have therefore been cancelled, and claims 3 and 17 have been amended to update their dependency. Since the claims have been amended in the manner indicated by the Office to be allowable, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-4001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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